

10 Basic Safety Tips to Prevent Sharps Injuries

1: Never overfill a sharps container! Close for disposal in RMW boxes at 2/3's full.

2: Do not recap a needle or modify by bending, breaking or removing a needle

3: Always use sharps with integrated safety devices where available

4: Before starting work, ensure the sharps container is close by, and the lid is open and clear

5: Immediately after use, activate the safety device and discard into a sharps container

6: Be trained in the procedure and the device

7: Never rush an experiment or procedure

8: If you drop a sharp, never leave it for someone else to pick up

9: Ensure a sharps container is closed before it is relocated

10: Never pass a sharp by hand, use a neutral zone if it is necessary